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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
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BOARD MOTION TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MODEL FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO BETTER INTEGRATE MULTIPLE-AGENCY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS – STATUS REPORT

This is to provide your Board with a second status report in response to the April 17, 2007 motion by Supervisor Antonovich. The motion instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to collaborate with Dr. David Sanders and Casey Family Programs and report back to your Board with recommendations for developing an effective Health and Human Services model for Los Angeles County, to better integrate its multiple-agency planning and implementation efforts to improve the lives of Los Angeles County's children and families.

As described in our July 16, 2007 status report, members of our office, and senior staff from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), contacted Dr. Sanders to follow-up with your Board's instruction. Dr. Sanders indicated that he would provide us with his written input to help shape our response to your Board.

We have not yet received Dr. Sander's input, which was to touch on such topics as the County's CEO Administrative Reorganization, the roles of the New Directions Task Force (NDTF), the Interagency Operations Group (IOG), the CEO's Service Integration Branch (SIB), and the Children's Planning Council. Dr. Sanders' input would have also addressed the *Healthier Communities, Stronger Families, and Thriving Children (HST)* initiative. HST has been scheduled for your Board's consideration later this month.

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The HST, which was developed by the County's IOG and staffed by the CEO-SIB, at the request of the NDTF is the culmination of a year-and-a-half long interdepartmental effort; shaped by input and support received from your Board's policy and field Deputies, First 5 LA, Casey Family Programs, representatives of Service Planning Area Councils, and most recently, representatives of the four recommended demonstration communities.

Our office believes that HST addresses the intent of your Board's motion, as it is a model for more effectively integrating multiple-agency planning and implementation efforts (such as DCFS' *Prevention Initiative Demonstration Project*) for improving the lives of Los Angeles County's children and families. We also believe, given Casey Family Program's ongoing involvement in the development and potential implementation of HST, that Dr. Sanders would agree that this integrated prevention-focused County effort aligns with the intent of your Board's motion.

Casey Family Programs assures us that Dr. Sanders' input is forthcoming and we will provide your Board with another update as soon as the recommendations are received.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Bryce Yokomizo at (213) 974-4530 or byokomizo@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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